

BEFORE THE
COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE TEST CLAIM ON:

Government Code Sections 3300 through 3310, As Added and Amended by Statutes of 1976, Chapter 465; Statutes of 1978, Chapters 775, 1173, 1174, and 1178; Statutes of 1979, Chapter 405; Statutes of 1980, Chapter 1367; Statutes of 1982, Chapter 994; Statutes of 1989, Chapter 1165; and Statutes of 1990, Chapter 675

And filed December 21, 1995;

By the City of Sacramento, Claimant.

NO. CSM 4499

**ADOPTION OF
PARAMETERS AND
GUIDELINES PURSUANT
TO GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 17557 AND
TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA
CODE OF REGULATIONS,
SECTION 1183.12**

(Adopted on July 27, 2000)

ADOPTED PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

The Commission on State Mandates adopted the attached Parameters and Guidelines on July 27, 2000.



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PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

Government Code Sections 3300 through 33 10

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Statutes of 1978, Chapters 775, 1173, 1174, and 1178;

Statutes of 1979, Chapter 405; Statutes of 1980, Chapter 1367; Statutes of 1982, Chapter 994; Statutes of 1983, Chapter 964; Statutes of 1989, Chapter 1165; and

Statutes of 1990, Chapter 675

Peace Officers Procedural Bill of Rights

I. SUMMARY AND SOURCE OF THE MANDATE

In order to ensure stable employer-employee relations and effective law enforcement services, the Legislature enacted Government Code sections 3300 through 33 10, known as the Peace Officers Procedural Bill of Rights (POBAR).

The test claim legislation provides procedural protections to peace officers employed by local agencies and school districts¹ when a peace officer is subject to an interrogation by the employer, is facing punitive action or receives an adverse comment in his or her personnel file. The protections required by the test claim legislation apply to peace officers classified as permanent employees, peace officers who serve at the pleasure of the agency and are terminable without cause (“at-will” employees), and peace officers on probation who have not reached permanent status.

On November 30, 1999, the Commission adopted its Statement of Decision that the test claim legislation constitutes a partial reimbursable state mandated program within the meaning of article XIII B, section 6 of the California Constitution and Government Code section 175 14.

II. ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS

Counties, cities, a city and county, school districts and special districts that employ peace officers are eligible claimants.

III. PERIOD OF REIMBURSEMENT

At the time this test claim was filed, Section 17557 of the Government Code stated that a test claim must be submitted on or before December 3 1 following a given fiscal year to establish eligibility for reimbursement for that fiscal year. On December 2 1, 1995, the City of Sacramento filed the test claim for this mandate. Therefore, costs incurred for Statutes of 1976, Chapter 465; Statutes of 1978, Chapters 775, 1173, 1174, and 1178; Statutes of 1979, Chapter 405; Statutes of 1980, Chapter 1367; Statutes of 1982, Chapter 994; Statutes of 1983, Chapter 964; Statutes of 1989, Chapter 1165; and Statutes of 1990, Chapter 675 are eligible for reimbursement on or after July 1, 1994.

Actual costs for one fiscal year shall be included in each claim. Estimated costs for the subsequent year may be included on the same claim, if applicable. Pursuant to section 1756 1, subdivision (d)(1) of the Government Code, all claims for reimbursement of initial

¹ Government Code section 3301 states: “For purposes of this chapter, the term public safety officer means all peace officers specified in Sections 830.1, 830.2, 830.3, 830.31, 830.32, 830.33, except subdivision (e), 830.34, 830.35, except subdivision (c), 830.36, 830.37, 830.38, 830.4, and 830.5 of the Penal Code.”

years' costs shall be submitted within 120 days of notification by the State Controller of the issuance of claiming instructions.

If total costs for a given year do not exceed \$200, no reimbursement shall be allowed, except as otherwise allowed by Government Code section 17564.

IV. REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES

For each eligible claimant, all direct and indirect costs of labor, supplies and services, training and travel for the performance of the following activities? are eligible for reimbursement:

A. Administrative Activities (On-going Activities)

1. Developing or updating internal policies, procedures, manuals and other materials pertaining to the conduct of the mandated activities
2. Attendance at specific training for human resources, law enforcement and legal counsel regarding the requirements of the mandate.
3. Updating the status of the POBAR cases.

B. Administrative Appeal

1. Reimbursement period of July 1, 1994 through December 31, 1998 — The administrative appeal activities listed below apply to permanent employees, at-will employees, and probationary employees.

Providing the opportunity for, and the conduct of an administrative appeal for the following disciplinary actions (Gov. Code, § 3304, subd. (b)):

- Dismissal, demotion, suspension, salary reduction or written reprimand received by probationary and at-will employees whose liberty interest are not affected (i.e.: the charges supporting a dismissal do not harm the employee's reputation or ability to find future employment);
- Transfer of permanent, probationary and at-will employees for purposes of punishment;
- Denial of promotion for permanent, probationary and at-will employees for reasons other than merit; and
- Other actions against permanent, probationary and at-will employees that result in disadvantage, harm, loss or hardship and impact the career opportunities of the employee.

Included in the foregoing are the preparation and review of the various documents to commence and proceed with the administrative hearing; legal review and assistance with the conduct of the administrative hearing; preparation and service of subpoenas, witness fees, and salaries of employee witnesses, including overtime; the time and labor of the administrative body and its attendant clerical services; the preparation and service of any rulings or orders of the administrative body.

2. Reimbursement period beginning January 1, 1999 – The administrative appeal activities listed below apply to permanent employees and the Chief of Police.

Providing the opportunity for, and the conduct of an administrative appeal for the following disciplinary actions (Gov. Code, § 3304, subd. (b)):

- Dismissal, demotion, suspension, salary reduction or written reprimand received by the Chief of Police whose liberty interest is not affected (i.e.: the charges supporting a dismissal do not harm the employee's reputation or ability to find future employment);
- Transfer of permanent employees for purposes of punishment;
- Denial of promotion for permanent employees for reasons other than merit; and
- Other actions against permanent employees or the Chief of Police that result in disadvantage, harm, loss or hardship and impact the career opportunities of the employee.

Included in the foregoing are the preparation and review of the various documents to commence and proceed with the administrative hearing; legal review and assistance with the conduct of the administrative hearing; preparation and service of subpoenas, witness fees, and salaries of employee witnesses, including overtime; the time and labor of the administrative body and its attendant clerical services; the preparation and service of any rulings or orders of the administrative body.

C. Interrogations

Claimants are eligible for reimbursement for the performance of the activities listed in this section only when a peace officer is under investigation, or becomes a witness to an incident under investigation, and is subjected to an interrogation by the commanding officer, or any other member of the employing public safety department, that could lead to dismissal, demotion, suspension, reduction in salary, written reprimand, or transfer for purposes of punishment. (Gov. Code, § 3303 .)

Claimants are not eligible for reimbursement for the activities listed in this section when an interrogation of a peace officer is in the normal course of duty, counseling, instruction, or informal verbal admonishment by, or other routine or unplanned contact with, a supervisor or any other public safety officer. Claimants are also not eligible for reimbursement when the investigation is concerned solely and directly with alleged criminal activities. (Gov. Code, § 3303, subd. (i).)

1. When required by the seriousness of the investigation, compensating the peace officer for interrogations occurring during off-duty time in accordance with regular department procedures. (Gov. Code, § 3303, subd. (a).)

Included in the foregoing is the preparation and review of overtime compensation requests.

2. Providing prior notice to the peace officer regarding the nature of the interrogation and identification of the investigating officers. (Gov. Code, § 3303, subds. (b) and (c).)

Included in the foregoing is the review of agency complaints or other documents to prepare the notice of interrogation; determination of the investigating officers; redaction of the agency complaint for names of the complainant or other accused parties or witnesses or confidential information; preparation of notice or agency

complaint; review by counsel; and presentation of notice or agency complaint to peace officer.

3. Tape recording the interrogation when the peace officer employee records the interrogation. (Gov. Code, § 3303, subd. (g).)

Included in the foregoing is the cost of tape and storage, and the cost of transcription.

4. Providing the peace officer employee with access to the tape prior to any further interrogation at a subsequent time, or if any further proceedings are contemplated and the further proceedings fall within the following categories (Gov. Code, § 3303, subd. (g));

- a) The further proceeding is not a disciplinary action;
- b) The further proceeding is a dismissal, demotion, suspension, salary reduction or written reprimand received by a probationary or at-will employee whose liberty interest is not affected (i.e., the charges supporting the dismissal does not harm the employee's reputation or ability to find future employment);
- c) The further proceeding is a transfer of a permanent, probationary or at-will employee for purposes of punishment;
- d) The further proceeding is a denial of promotion for a permanent, probationary or at-will employee for reasons other than merit;
- e) The further proceeding is an action against a permanent, probationary or at-will employee that results in disadvantage, harm, loss or hardship and impacts the career of the employee.

Included in the foregoing is the cost of tape copying.

5. Producing transcribed copies of any notes made by a stenographer at an interrogation, and copies of reports or complaints made by investigators or other persons, except those that are deemed confidential, when requested by the officer, in the following circumstances (Gov. Code, § 3303, subd. (g)):

- a) When the investigation does not result in disciplinary action; and
- b) When the investigation results in:
 - A dismissal, demotion, suspension, salary reduction or written reprimand received by a probationary or at-will employee whose liberty interest *is not* affected (i.e.; the charges supporting the dismissal do not harm the employee's reputation or ability to find future employment);
 - A transfer of a permanent, probationary or at-will employee for purposes of punishment;
 - A denial of promotion for a permanent, probationary or at-will employee for reasons other than merit; or
 - Other actions against a permanent, probationary or at-will employee that result in disadvantage, harm, loss or hardship and impact the career of the employee.

Included in the foregoing is the review of the complaints, notes or tape recordings for issues of confidentiality by law enforcement, human relations or counsel; cost of processing, service and retention of copies.

D. Adverse Comment

Performing the following activities upon receipt of an adverse comment (Gov. Code, §§ 3305 and 3306):

School Districts

- (a) If an adverse comment results in the deprivation of employment through dismissal, suspension, demotion, reduction in pay or written reprimand for a permanent peace officer, or harms the officer's reputation and opportunity to find future employment, then schools are entitled to reimbursement for:
- Obtaining the signature of the peace officer on the adverse comment; or
 - Noting the peace officer's refusal to sign the adverse comment on the document and obtaining the signature or initials of the peace officer under such circumstances.
- (b) If an adverse comment *is* obtained in connection with a promotional examination, then school districts are entitled to reimbursement for the following activities:
- Providing notice of the adverse comment;
 - Providing an opportunity to review and sign the adverse comment;
 - Providing an opportunity to respond to the adverse comment within 30 days; and
 - Noting the peace officer's refusal to sign the adverse comment on the document and obtaining the signature or initials of the peace officer under such circumstances.
- (c) If an adverse comment *is not* obtained in connection with a promotional examination, then school districts are entitled to reimbursement for:
- Obtaining the signature of the peace officer on the adverse comment; or
 - Noting the peace officer's refusal to sign the adverse comment on the document and obtaining the signature or initials of the peace officer under such circumstances.

Counties

- (a) If an adverse comment results in the deprivation of employment through dismissal, suspension, demotion, reduction in pay or written reprimand for a permanent peace officer, or harms the officer's reputation and opportunity to find future employment, then schools are entitled to reimbursement for:
- Obtaining the signature of the peace officer on the adverse comment; or
 - Noting the peace officer's refusal to sign the adverse comment on the document and obtaining the signature or initials of the peace officer under such circumstances.
- (b) If an adverse comment *is* related to the investigation of a possible criminal offense, then counties are entitled to reimbursement for the following activities:
- Providing notice of the adverse comment;
 - Providing an opportunity to review and sign the adverse comment;

- Providing an opportunity to respond to the adverse comment within 30 days; and
 - Noting the peace officer's refusal to sign the adverse comment on the document and obtaining the signature or initials of the peace officer under such circumstances.
- (c) If an adverse comment is *not* related to the investigation of a possible criminal offense, then counties obtained are entitled to reimbursement for:
- Providing notice of the adverse comment: and
 - Obtaining the signature of the peace officer on the adverse comment; or
 - Noting the peace officer's refusal to sign the adverse comment on the document and obtaining the signature or initials of the peace officer under such circumstances.

Cities and Special Districts

- (a) If an adverse comment results in the deprivation of employment through dismissal, suspension, demotion, reduction in pay or written reprimand for a permanent peace officer, or harms the officer's reputation and opportunity to find future employment, then schools are entitled to reimbursement for:
- Obtaining the signature of the peace officer on the adverse comment; or
 - Noting the peace officer's refusal to sign the adverse comment on the document and obtaining the signature or initials of the peace officer under such circumstances.
- (b) If an adverse comment is related to the investigation of a possible criminal offense, then cities and special districts are entitled to reimbursement for the following activities:
- Providing notice of the adverse comment;
 - Providing an opportunity to review and sign the adverse comment;
 - Providing an opportunity to respond to the adverse comment within 30 days; and
 - Noting the peace officer's refusal to sign the adverse comment on the document and obtaining the signature or initials of the peace officer under such circumstances.
- (c) If an adverse comment *is not* related to the investigation of a possible criminal offense, then cities and special districts are entitled to reimbursement for the following activities:
- Providing notice of the adverse comment;
 - Providing an opportunity to respond to the adverse comment within 30 days; and
 - Obtaining the signature of the peace officer on the adverse comment; or
 - Noting the peace officer's refusal to sign the adverse comment on the document and obtaining the signature or initials of the peace officer under such circumstances.

Included in the foregoing are review of circumstances or documentation leading to adverse comment by supervisor, command staff, human resources staff or counsel, including determination of whether same constitutes an adverse comment; preparation of comment and review for accuracy; notification and presentation of adverse comment to officer and notification concerning rights regarding same; review of response to adverse comment, attaching same to adverse comment and filing.

V. CLAIM PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Claims for reimbursement must be timely filed and identify each cost element for which reimbursement is claimed under this mandate. Claimed costs must be identified to each reimbursable activity identified in Section IV. of this document.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Claimed costs shall be supported by the following cost element information:

A. Direct Costs

Direct Costs are defined as costs that can be traced to specific goods, services, units, programs, activities or functions.

Claimed costs shall be supported by the following cost element information:

1. Salaries and Benefits

Identify the employee(s), and/or show the classification of the employee(s) involved. Describe the reimbursable activities performed and specify the actual time devoted to each reimbursable activity by each employee, the productive hourly rate, and related employee benefits.

Reimbursement includes compensation paid for salaries, wages, and employee benefits. Employee benefits include regular compensation paid to an employee during periods of authorized absences (e.g., annual leave, sick leave) and the employer's contributions to social security, pension plans, insurance, and worker's compensation insurance. Employee benefits are eligible for reimbursement when distributed equitably to all job activities performed by the employee.

2. Materials and Supplies

Only expenditures that can be identified as a direct cost of this mandate may be claimed. List the cost of the materials and supplies consumed specifically for the purposes of this mandate. Purchases shall be claimed at the actual price after deducting cash discounts, rebates and allowances received by the claimant. Supplies that are withdrawn from inventory shall be charged based on a recognized method of costing, consistently applied.

3. Contract Services

Provide the name(s) of the contractor(s) who performed the services, including any fixed contracts for services. Describe the reimbursable activity(ies) performed by each named contractor and give the number of actual hours spent on the activities, if applicable. Show the inclusive dates when services were performed and itemize all costs for those services. Submit contract consultant and attorney invoices with the claim.

4. Travel

Travel expenses for mileage, per diem, lodging, and other employee entitlements are eligible for reimbursement in accordance with the rules of the local jurisdiction.

Provide the name(s) of the traveler(s), purpose of travel, inclusive dates and times of travel, destination points, and travel costs.

5. Training

The cost of training an employee to perform the mandated activities is eligible for reimbursement. Identify the employee(s) by name and job classification. Provide the title and subject of the training session, the date(s) attended, and the location.

Reimbursable costs may include salaries and benefits, registration fees, transportation, lodging, and per diem.

B. Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are defined as costs which are incurred for a common or joint purpose, benefiting more than one program and are not directly assignable to a particular department or program without efforts disproportionate to the result achieved. Indirect costs may include both (1) overhead costs of the unit performing the mandate; and (2) the costs of central government services distributed to other departments based on a systematic and rational basis through a cost allocation plan.

Compensation for indirect costs is eligible for reimbursement utilizing the procedure provided in the OMB A-87. Claimants have the option of using 10% of direct labor, excluding fringe benefits, or preparing an Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) for the department if the indirect cost rate claimed exceeds 10%. If more than one department is claiming indirect costs for the mandated program, each department must have its own ICRP prepared in accordance with OMB A-87. An ICRP must be submitted with the claim when the indirect cost rate exceeds 10%.

VI. SUPPORTING DATA

For audit purposes, all costs claimed shall be traceable to source documents (e.g., employee time records, invoices, receipts, purchase orders, contracts, worksheets, calendars, declarations, etc.) that show evidence of the validity of such costs and their relationship to the state mandated program. All documentation in support of the claimed costs shall be made available to the State Controller's Office, as may be requested, and all reimbursement claims are subject to audit during the period specified in Government Code section 17558.5, subdivision (a).

All claims shall identify the number of cases in process at the beginning of the fiscal year, the number of new cases added during the fiscal year, the number of cases completed or closed during the fiscal year, and the number of cases in process at the end of the fiscal year.

VII. OFFSETTING SAVINGS AND OTHER REIMBURSEMENT

Any offsetting savings the claimant experiences as a direct result of the subject mandate shall be deducted from the costs claimed. In addition, reimbursement for this mandate received from any source, including but not limited to, service fees collected, federal funds and other state funds shall be identified and deducted from this claim.

VIII. STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE REQUIRED CERTIFICATION

An authorized representative of the claimant shall be required to provide a certification of the claim, as specified in the State Controller's claiming instructions, for those costs mandated by the State contained herein.